

REMARKS

The amendments to claims 20, 26, and 30 were not made for any reason relating to patentability. The only changes that have been made are the addition of Sequence Identification Numbers, which were not available at the time of filing. This is clearly not a narrowing amendment and these revisions cannot be construed to narrow the appropriate scope of the amended claims under the principles of claim interpretation or the doctrine of equivalents.

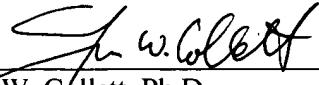
This amendment to the claims and specification only involves the addition of Sequence Identification Numbers. No new matter is added by this amendment, and entry is hereby requested.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4553 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted:

By: 

James W. Collett, Ph.D.
Reg. No. 46,636

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL P.C.
One Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1410
Office: (619) 578-5000
Facsimile: (619) 578-5940
Email: collettjw@bipc.com